

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 BRUSSE 02516 121332Z

20

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EB-07 /020 W
----- 109132

R 121104Z MAR 76
FM AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6309
USDOC WASHDC
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMEMBASSY ROME

UNCLAS BRUSSELS 02516

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP, BE

SUBJECT: GROUP TRAVEL: STATE OF OHIO

REF: (A) STATE 37959, (B) BRUSSELS 1654

1. GOVERNOR RHODES OF OHIO, ACCOMPANIED BY 28 BUSINESSMEN, 5 STATE OFFICIALS AND 2 SECURITY GUARDS, COMPLETED SUCCESSFUL TWO-AND-ONE-HALF-DAY VISIT TO BRUSSELS. BOTH GOVERNOR AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF MISSION EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH VISIT AND WERE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO GROUP AND OHIO STATE OFFICE BEFORE AND DURING VISIT.

2. ON SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 7, MISSION, WHICH ARRIVED BY AIR, FROM US, WAS MET AT AIRPORT BY EMBOFF AND BRUSSELS OHIO STATE OFFICERS. SABENA ARRANGED FOR PRIVATE TRAIN TO TAKE GROUP FROM AIRPORT TO CITY AND FROM THERE TO HILTON HOTEL. AT 0730 MONDAY MORNING EMBOFFS GAVE COMMERCIAL AND AGRICULTURAL BRIEFING TO ENTIRE GROUP. BUSINESSMEN THEN MET INDIVIDUALLY WITH TRADE CONTACTS SUGGESTED BY EMBASSY COMMERCIAL UNIT.

3. GOVERNOR RHODES, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR, CALLED ON PRINCE ALBERT OF LIEGE AT 1000 FOR COURTESY VISIT WHICH HAD BEEN ARRANGED BY EMBASSY AT GOVERNOR'S REQUEST. FOLLOWING
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 BRUSSE 02516 121332Z

THIS CALL, GOVERNOR OFFICIALLY REOPENED OHIO STATE OFFICE

IN BRUSSELS IN PRESENCE OF DISTINGUISHED GATHERING OF
BELGIAN BUSINESS LEADERS.

4. BELGIAN-MAERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ORGANIZED LUNCHEON
FOR ENTIRE MISSION AND HEARD GOVERNOR SPEAK ON "ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT IN THE SOLUTION OF WORLD-WIDE ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL PROBLEMS." THIS WAS FIRST LUNCHEON ORGANIZED BY BACC
IN BELGIUM, AND IT WAS OVERSUBSCRIBED.

5. AMBASSADOR WAS HOST AT RECEPTION OFR 140 BELGIAN
BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS AND AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN
WITH OHIO CONNECTIONS.

6. COMMENT: GOVERNOR'S VISIT SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE
TO OHIO OFFICE IN ITS FUTURE DEALINGS WITH BELGIAN COMMUNITY.
SOME USEFUL TRADE LEADS WERE OBTAINED BY MISSION, ACCORDING
TO LOCAL OHIO STATE DIRECTOR, ALTHOUGH RATHER DIFFUSE
NATURE OF MISSION DID NOT ALLOW FOR MORE STRUCTURED APPROACH
WHICH PROBABLY WOULD HAVE ENSURED GREATER COMMERCIAL RETURNS.
FIESTONE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 12 MAR 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976BRUSSE02516
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760095-0138
From: BRUSSELS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760368/aaaachuk.tel
Line Count: 81
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 STATE 37959, 76 BRUSSELS 1654
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: wolfsd
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 02 JUL 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <02 JUL 2004 by vandyklc>; APPROVED <30 AUG 2004 by wolfsd>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: GROUP TRAVEL: STATE OF OHIO
TAGS: BEXP, BE
To: STATE COM
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006